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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	UOMB-001DIV
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 22, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 22, 2008. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.